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| First Applicant | : Mark Heimbaugh | Art Unit | : 2627 |
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| Title | : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR POWERING VOICE COIL MOTOR RETRACT CIRCUIT WHILE BRAKING SPINDLE | | |
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

The Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the allowance of claims 1-18 and 21-33 (renumbered as 1-31) in the captioned application by the Examiner. The Applicant agrees with the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance to the extent that claims 1-31 are patentable over the references in the record.

Applicant expressly traverses the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance to the extent that any statement is intended to or has the intended effect of limiting a claim scope, explicitly or implicitly, by not reciting verbatim the respective claim language, or is intended to or has the effect of limiting a claim scope by stating or implying that all the reasons for patentability are in any way fully enumerated. The Applicant specifically does not acquiesce or agree in any manner as to any assertion in Examiner's statements that may be interpreted to narrow the claims to less than their recited scope.

Applicant asserts that claims 1-31 are patentable as presented and the scope of the allowed claims should in no way be limited by the rationale cited by the Examiner or in view of the prior art. If there are any questions, please contact the undersigned attorney.

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